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## Sam Slempp Killed

And Two Others Injured in Shooting Affray at Olinger Sunday.

A very regrettable and serious shooting affray took place at Olinger, in Lee county, about five miles below here Sunday afternoon in which Sam Slempp, a merchant and highly respected citizen of that place, was instantly killed and Emmett Yeary, of Olinger, and Tate Reesor, of Turkey Cove, were severely injured from gun shot wounds.

Many reports have been received as to what caused the trouble and it is therefore difficult to give an accurate account of the affair, but the general opinion is that the shooting occurred immediately following church services after the congregation was dismissed. It is said that P. M. Reesor took offense at the preacher's sermon and said he would thrash him, and W. E. Yeary was trying to persuade him not to do this. It seems that relatives of both Yeary and Reesor also took up the matter at this time and all were about to come to blows. Emmett Yeary, 19 year old son of W. E. Yeary, fearing for his father's safety, ran home to secure a shot gun. On his return, it is said, Sam Slempp attempted to prevent the shooting in a peaceful manner and that young Yeary shot and killed him instantly. After shooting Slempp Emmett then fired on Tate Reesor, a young son of P. M. Reesor, who was also involved in the mixup. Although painfully wounded it is believed he will recover. About fifty shots entered his side and arm. It is believed that young Yeary had only two shells, and after firing both of them he started back home, but before reaching there he was fired upon by Creed Reesor, a nephew of P. M. Reesor, several shots entering his neck and shoulder which caused a very dangerous wound, but will not prove fatal. W. E. Yeary was also slightly wounded during the melee, two or three shots hitting his thumb.

All parties involved in the shooting are well known in this section and the news was received here with much surprise and regret. Mr. Slempp had been conducting a mercantile business at Olinger for several years and was very popular with the public. He had just completed the erection of a fine home at Olinger and had moved his family into same about two weeks ago. He was a son-in-law of P. M. Reesor and is survived by his wife and eight small children. He also had a wide connection in Lee county, being reared in Turkey Cove. Some seem to think that it was not the intention of the Yeary boy to shoot Mr. Slempp as he only attempted to keep him from shooting some one else.

The shooting created quite a bit of excitement when the news was received here and several people went there to learn the particulars.

Although submarines were not scrapped, there is some comfort in the knowledge that they will be confined to the deep. Few of us will ever get too close.

## Mr. Slempp

Is Considered for Place in President Harding's Cabinet.

Congressman C. Bascom Slempp, of the Ninth Virginia district, is still being considered by President Harding for the cabinet position made vacant by the resignation of Postmaster-General Will H. Hays, but latest developments indicate that Dr. Works, assistant to Hays, will get the appointment. Word received from Washington says:

During the past week some very powerful influence on Capitol Hill have been at work, without encouragement from the Virginia congressman, to have the president appoint him. About the middle of last week Speaker Gillett, Congressman Madden, chairman of the House appropriations committee, and several other Republican leaders, while at the White House talking over the legislative program, urged Mr. Harding to appoint Slempp. They explained to the President the quick and complete grasp the Virginia Republican congressman had obtained of the postoffice department business when he was a few weeks ago made chairman of the subcommittee of the appropriations committee to frame the annual appropriation bill for the postoffice department, and of the excellent manner in which he framed the bill and obtained its passage by the House.

During the conference with the President the House leaders learned that the President thought very highly of Mr. Slempp, and had him in mind in connection with the vacancy in the cabinet made by Mr. Hays' resignation, but they got the impression, however, from what Mr. Harding said, that it was his intention to appoint Dr. Works, now first assistant, to succeed Hays.

Conversations that other Republican leaders have had with the President, since have indicated that he still leans strongly towards appointment of Dr. Works; and that unless something important happens to give him a complete change of mind, Works will get the seat in the cabinet. Mr. Slempp has not been approached from the White House concerning the vacancy, and, of course, will not discuss his possible appointment.

### January Meeting of Appa-Stone Music Club.

The Appa-Stone Music Club met January 21, 1922, at the home of Mrs. Sara Williams Black at Appalachia.

After the regular business of the meeting was concluded, four new applicants for membership were presented, whose names were placed on the waiting list to be voted upon at the February meeting of the club.

A "Beethoven" program was decided upon for the February meeting.

A very interesting musical program was then rendered:

"The Village Dance" Pennington  
Bess Gilmer  
"Songsters of the Boughs" Heinrich Helm  
Edith Willoughby  
"Minuetto" Scharwenka  
Frances Sayers  
"Birdling" Edward Grieg  
Jeanette Gilmer  
Two Vocal Duets. Selected  
Jeanette Gilmer and Rosamond Wren  
"Story of the Tarantella"  
Mrs. Sara Williams Black  
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The social hour was concluded by playing a game called "Musical Authors." Mrs. J. Willard Large, scoring the highest, was awarded a musical emblem pin.

The club is progressing wonderfully under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Sara Williams Black.

A great reward is in store for the man who can solve the problems that are now besetting Europe. The Lord will smile upon him.

### Delightful Dance at Dunbar.

The Dunbar Dancing Club gave another of their very delightful dances in their new hall at Dunbar on Friday evening from nine 'til two o'clock.

To say "This was a very enjoyable dance" would be putting it rather mild to the enjoyable dance it really was. It was one of those dances where every one present just had one of the best times of their lives. The success of this dance is mostly due to the cordial hospitality the guests received from the chaperones and the committee who were always looking out for the guests' pleasure during the whole dance. The chaperones were Supt. and Mrs. E. A. Compton, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Neill and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Owens. The committee were T. I. Adams, W. E. Shedd, L. A. Kirk and F. P. Thompson. The music was furnished by "Ritz Academy Five," a new orchestra recently organized in Bristol. This is one of the most satisfactory and best orchestras heard in this section in a long time. They kept excellent time for dancing and had plenty of "pep" to keep every one having a good time.

During the half hour intermission, the chaperones and the committee served an abundance of ham and pimento cheese sandwiches followed with steaming hot coffee to all the guests.

The following guests from the Gap were present, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Warner, Mrs. Harry Lahe, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Winston, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Leslie, Mrs. Caroline Lewis, Miss Edith Lent, Messrs. Guy Patrick, George Rhoads, Roscoe Woltz, Bob Comerford.

### THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

The Epworth League Conference reports for 1921 are just out. A splendid showing has been made during the last year—in fact the best for a number of years—the following are some of the statistics: There are now, in the Southern Methodist church, 5,534 chapters, 193,452 members. An increase last year of 1,472 chapters and 42,339 members. The Big Stone Gap district is proud of her part in this fine increase. During the last year the increase in the Big Stone Gap district in chapters was 14 and in membership 418. We now have 24 chapters, 718 members. This increase is registered from two counties, Wise and Scott alone. The states leading are, Texas, Georgia and Florida in the order named. The Big Stone Gap led, easily, last year among the ten districts in Holston Conference. Epworth League unions have been formed in the district along county lines. In Wise county there are now 15 chapters.

The Epworth League is the official young people's organization of the M. E. Church, South—not a single other society is organized in any Southern Methodist church, within the bounds of Holston Conference, so far as we know or have ever heard. For that matter we do not know of one such organization in any Southern Methodist church. The Epworth League is doing much for the young people, and any young man or woman trained in the Epworth League can take their church letter along with their church letter when transferring from one place to another. The training given by the Epworth League is specific and leads to an efficiency in church work that nothing else can supply.

### Keith Smith Leaves Town.

Keith Smith, of Bristol, who has been traveling in this section for the past few years for Huntsman Brothers, of Bristol, has resigned his position and accepted a position with the Bristol Ice Cream Company.

During "Smiddy's" stay in the Gap he has won many warm friends who are sorry of his departure. He was one of the charter members of the Big Stone Athletic Club and was chief decorator for the club for all the dances given at the Ar-

### Banquet for C. A. Sine.

The vocational training class at Dunbar of which Mr. C. A. Sine of the Gap, safety engineer for the Stonega Coke & Coal Company is instructor, gave a delightful banquet at the Dunbar Hotel in honor of Mr. Sine Saturday night.

Covers were laid for seventeen guests which included thirteen members of the class, Mr. Sine and three visitors, R. E. Taggart, W. C. Shunk and Dr. J. G. Bentley. The centerpiece for the banquet table was a beautiful basket of white carnations and a carnation was at each of the plates with the place cards. The banquet was elegantly served in five courses. Mr. W. B. Kilbourne was toastmaster. After dinner speeches were made by Messrs. Taggart and Shunk which were enjoyed very much.

### Miss Skeen Entertains.

One of the social events of the week was the tea given by Miss Bruce Skeen at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen on last Saturday afternoon, complimentary to her high school class mate, Mrs. Edward Aaronson, of Baltimore, who has spent some time in the Gap with her father, Mayor W. J. Horsley. The afternoon was spent in sewing. At a late hour Miss Skeen, assisted by her mother, served a delicious salad course and hot coffee. The guests were Mesdames Holton, Robbins, Banks, Aaronson, of Baltimore, and Misses Grace Long, Ethel Van Gorder, Eleanor Baker, Pearl Miller, Louise Horsley and Juliet Knight.

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### Informal Reception for Mrs. Salyer.

Mrs. N. H. Salyer, who is soon to leave Bristol to make her home in Big Stone Gap, was honored at an informal "At Home" given yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Henson and Mrs. J. D. Faust as hostesses at the latter's home on Broad street.

About thirty of Mrs. Salyer's most intimate friends were present. The game for the afternoon was rook, but a number of ladies brought their sewing and the hours were spent in sewing and conversation. Near the close of the afternoon the hostesses served refreshments consisting of hot rolls, minced ham, perfection salad, marguerites, stuffed dates, mints and cocoa.—Bristol Herald Courier.

### Attended Dance at Norton.

Misses Ruth Watson, Anne and Lucy Maury, Messrs. Fred Haley, Guy Patrick, John Allen Goodloe and Pick Cantrell were among those from the Gap who attended the impromptu dance at Hotel Norton Wednesday night.

Lucretia's Ragadours, of Columbus, Ohio, furnished the music. Although this dance was gotten up hurriedly, as the orchestra was just passing through Norton that day, it was one of the most enjoyable ones given.

### Died Following Operation.

Freeling, Va., Jan. 25.—Ernest Fleming, a young man of about 20 years, died at his home at Clintwood, after undergoing an operation for appendicitis by the local physicians. He was the son of Floyd Fleming, and was known as an exemplary youth.

Keep the world guessing and you will not be forgotten.

### Surprise Party.

On last Friday night Miss Ruth Barron was given a surprise party by her many friends at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Lane. They spent the evening playing games. At a late hour punch, sandwiches and fruits were served. Those present were Misses Mattia Burk, Lovely Littrell, Beth Shugart, Louella Salyer, Gertrude Sine, Mary Lile and Catherine Brown, Otho Hissel, Rudolph and Pat Youell, John Ray, Bascom Taylor, Roy Littrell, Chas. Stacy, Arthur Foster, Carl Knight, James McCormick, Ralph Showalter and Max Lile.

On last Saturday night "Deacon Dubs" was given for the second time in the East Stone Gap High School auditorium by the faculty and home talent. Much had been added to the play which made it more enjoyable, especially the music by the orchestra between acts. The ones from the Gap who attended it were Misses Grace Long, Pearl Miller, Kate Lay, Edna McFadden, Caroline Goodloe, Juliet Knight, Loma May Bailey, George Goodloe, Carl Knight, William Long, Van Garrett, Arthur Foster, Edward Bird, Chas. Stacy, Hugh Edens, Earl Morris, John Qualls and Claude Kelly.

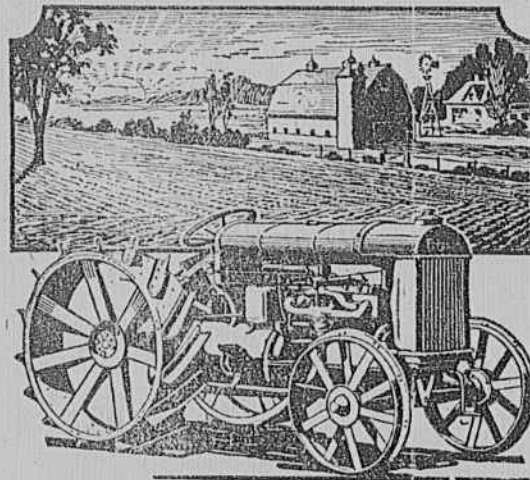
"Prosperity is coming," says Postmaster General Hays. But judging from the size of that movie contract of his we are inclined to suspect that he copped it all for himself.

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